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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWING HOMELAND LEADERS
MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY WITHOUT EMBASSY COMMENT OF JOINT
STATEMENT ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF MARCH 6 MEETING BETWEEN HOME-
LAND LEADERS AND PM VORSTER.BANTU ADMIN MINISTER BOTHA AND
DEPUTY MINISTERS JANSEN AND RAUBENHEIMER ALSO PRESENT.END
SUMMARY.

1. CONFERENCE DISCUSSED:

- A. MEANING OF INDEPENDENCE;PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION.
- B. RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.
- C. WAGE GAP; DISPARITY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE IN HOMELANDS.
- D. POSITION OF URBAN AFRICAN AND BLACK BUSINESSMEN IN URBAN AREA.
- D. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN AFRICAN SCHOOLS IN URBAN AREAS.
- F. PHASING OUT OF PASSES AND INFLUX CONTROL REGULATIONS.
- G. QUESTION OF DEPARTMENTS EXCLUDED FROM HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS.

2. RESULTS OF DISCUSSION (KEYED TO ABOVE):

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A. PM REINSTATED SAG VIEW THAT HOMELAND LEADERS FREE TO

REQUEST INDEPENDENCE; NO RPT NO SUCH REQUEST RAISED.ON LAND, PM STATED GOVT. BOUND BY 1936 ACT AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT GO BEYOND ITS PROVISIONS.EMPHASIZED FIRST PRIORITY USE OF EXISTING LANDS TO FULLEST EXTENT.FORECAST FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING BETWEEN HOMELANDS ON EXCHANGE OF WHITE AND BLACK AREAS. AGREED ON "PRINCIPLE OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TALKS ON LAND ISSUES". MINISTER BOTHA SAID SAG HAD DECIDED TO EXPEDITE LAND PURCHASES, WOULD INCREASE FUNDING THEREFORE,AND THAT PURCHASES "COULD PERHAPS BE COMPLETED IN FIVE TO 10 YEAR'S TIME".HOMELAND LEADERS AGREED PRESENT GOVT. HAD DONE MORE ON CONSOLIDATION AND LAND PURCHASES THAN ALL PREVIOUS GOVTS.

B. PM EMPHASIZED NEED FOR EDUCATION IN PERSON-TO-PERSON RELATIONS.HOMELAND LEADERS,WHILE NOT RPT NOT PRESSING FOR COMPLETE ABOLITION OF REGULATIONS,REQUESTED RECONSIDERATION OF EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.PM AGREED TO CONSIDER MEMORANDA WHICH HOMELAND LEADERS MAY FROM TIME TIME SUBMIT AND EMPHASIZED THAT REGULATIONS WHICH HAD NO RPT NO BEARING ON AVOIDANCE OF RACIAL FRICTION OUGHT TO GO.

C. PM PROPOSED AND HOMELAND LEADERS AGREED TO EXPERT COMMITTEE (ONE APPOINTED BY PM, ONE APPOINTED BY HOMELAND LEADERS,AND ONE SELECTED BY THESE TWO) TO "INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATION THAT THE BANTU PEOPLE IN GENERAL AND THE HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS IN PARTICULAR ARE NOT GETTING A FAIR SHARE OF SERVICES FROM TAXES PAID DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY."HOMELAND LEADERS REQUESTED GOVT. DEVISE WAYS AND MEANS OF CLOSING WAGE GAP;PM REITERATED THAT GOVT. POLICY TO DO SO.

D. IN VIEW OF SHORTAGE OF TIME,ITEM HELD OVER FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETING TO BE HELD LATER IN YEAR.

E. HOMELAND LEADERS PROPOSED THAT "MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION USED IN SCHOOLS IN THE HOMELAND ALSO BE USED IN BANTU SCHOOLS IN THE WHITE AREAS".MINISTER BOTHA TO EXAMINE SUBJECT AND REPORT BACK AT NEXT MEETING WHERE FULL SCALE DISCUSSION TO TAKE PLACE.

F. HOMELAND LEADERS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT PASS AND INFLUX CONTROL REGULATIONS BE PHASED OUT WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. IT AGREED THAT "TO FIND A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS VEXING UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEM,SPECIAL MACHINERY FOR NEGOTIATION SHOULD BE SET UP CONSISTING OF THE HOMELAND LEADERS AND THE GOVERNMENT."

G. HOMELAND LEADERS FELT THAT REMAINING GOVT. DEPARTMENT NOT RPT NOT YET UNDER THEIR CONTROL SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THEM " IN PREPARATION FO INDEPENDENCE".PM STATED MATTER WAS ONE FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN MINISTER AND THE HOMELAND CONCERNED AND ADDED THAT CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS COULD ONLY BE

ESTABLISHED AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

3. NTSANWISI (GAZANKULU) PROPOSED CONCLUDING MOTION THANKING P AND SAG REPS FOR OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING " TO DISCUSS WITH THEM PROBLEMS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO OUR PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA-- BY OUR PEOPLE I MEAN BOTH BLACK AND WHITE BECAUSE,AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER ON,THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA IS THE HOME-LAND OF BOTH BLACK AND WHITE".LATER, "TODAY,SIR, THERE WAS NO MONOLOGUE BUT DIALOGUE.BY THAT I DO NOT MEAN TO SUGGEST THAT WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ANSWERS,SOLUTIONS OR RESULTS TO ALL OUR PROBLEMS.TO USE THE PRIME MINISTER'S OWN IDIOM, WE HAVE TODAY BEEN BRUTALLY FRANK WITH EACH OTHER.WE HAVE NOT BLUFFED OR MISLED EACH OTHER BUT WE HAVE FACED UP SURELY TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT US."
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